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RUMANIA EXCEEDS STATE PLAN IN SECOND QUARTER

The State Planning Commission announces that the Rumanian State Plan has been surpassed for the second quarter of 1950 and lists figures to prove this.

Industry

The production plan for the second quarter of 1950 was fulfilled 100.8 percent for the entire field of industry. The different branches of industry with their respective sectors and fulfillment figures follow (in percent):

1. Ministry of Metallurgy and Chemical Industry 106.7. including ore mining, 106.6; nonferrous metals, 104.3; iron and steel, 107.2; chemical, 105.2.

2. Ministry of Mines and Petroleum 99.9, including petroleum, 96.1; methane gas, 125.9; coal, 96.3.

3. Ministry of Electric Power 105, including electric power, 100; electrical equipment, 109.5.

4. Ministry of Forestry and of the Wood Industry 108.8, including lumber milling, 11.2; finished wood products, 98.8; cellulose and paper, 106.5.

5. Ministry of Constructions (building materials) 93.3.

6. Ministry of Light Industry 97.2, including textiles, 97.2; leather, 95.9; glass and ceramics, 102.3.

7. Ministry of Food Industry 101.2.

8. Ministry of Health (production) 103.3.

9. Ministry of Communications (production) 90.5, including shops, 91; shipyards, 88.6

10. Union of Consumers Cooperatives (production) 50.6

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11. Artisans' Cooperatives 67.7

12. Department of Local Farms (production) 114.1

13. General Administration of the Polygraphic Industry 92.8.

The following list shows production in the second quarter of 1950 as a percentage of production during the second quarter of 1949: electrical energy 112.4, coal 108.3, iron ore 128.3, convertor copper from concentrates 164.1, lead 118.2, zinc 142.5, crude oil 111.1, methane gas 124.2, cast iron 131.4, steel 122.6, rolled products 112.2, steel tubing 102.3, internal combustion engines 161.7, ordinary parallel lathes 208.7, overhead cranes 200, concrete mixers 441.2, compressors and motor compressors 1,444, four-axle boxcars 122.5, tractors 225.8, tractor plows 183.5, drill trolleys 180, rotary tables 300, mud pumps 181.8, three-headed drilling bits 1,400, widely used metal articles 134.7, and electric motors 228.1.

Also, caustic and calcined soda 108.1, organic dyes 200.3, sulfuric acid 133.8, auto tires 130.3, cellulose 112 3, paper 111.7, cement 117.4, refractory bricks 141.2, building bricks 289.9, drawn glass 115.3, building lumber 116.1, furniture 198.5, cotton goods 108.3, wool goods 124.7, knitted goods 172.1, shoe soles 114.2, footwear 117, edible oils 87.6, soap 131.7, edible paste products 149.9, sugar products 132.6, meat 73.6, meat preparations and tinned meats 175.2, milk 127.3, cheeses 197.3, beer 103.5, tobacco 110.

During the second quarter of 1950, the manufacture of new machinery and materials was begun. Among these products are 450 mm X 5000 mm parallel lathes, compressors delivering 30 and 90 cubic meters per minute, refractory bricks, insulating material, special paper for electrical insulation, and other electrical equipment.

Agriculture

In general, the sowing plan has been fulfilled. Many crops such as corn, spring barley, spring rapeseed, flax, hemp, lentils, and seed plants have exceeded the plan by as much as 73 percent. Cotton has been grown on 1,060 hectares of irrigated land and rice on 5,570 hectares. Sowing of fodder plants reached only 78.2 percent, sugarbeet 95.8, sunflowers 94.3, and peas 85.8. More than 90 percent of the planned area was planted at the prescribed times, marking a great improvement over last year. The area planted in industrial crops was larger than last year -- rapeseed by 23 percent, flax for linseed oil 66 percent, and cotton 36 percent. Up to 22 July, 86.7 percent of the crops had been harvested, including wheat 82.7 percent, rye 87.7 percent, and barley 90.3 percent.

During the second quarter of 1950, 18 new MTS were established, making the present total 133 stations. The number of tractors at the stations was increased by 880. The stations performed the work equivalent to plowing 447,000 hectares of land; 70 percent was done on the lands of the collective farms and of the peasant groups. The number of these groups of peasants was 757 percent greater than last year. The total number of collective farms has increased to 670.

Forestry

The reforestation plan has been exceeded by 21 percent and the care of young trees by 30 percent. The planting of protective belts of trees was realized 183 percent.

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Transportation

In the second quarter of 1950, railroad passenger traffic was 19.8 percent greater than the corresponding period of 1949, and freight traffic 24.3 percent greater. The average daily carloadings, which were 5,831 in the second quarter of 1949, increased to 6,808 in the second quarter of 1950, 6 percent above plan. Almost 35,000 tons of equivalent fuel were saved in the second quarter of 1949.

Highway passenger traffic was 22.8 percent above plan; highway freight was 0.8 percent above plan, 78.2 percent greater than in the second quarter of 1949. Sovromtransport exceeded the plan by 47.2 percent but RATA was 7 percent below plan.

Waterway tonnage reached the planned figure.

Air passenger traffic was 13.9 percent below plan; air freight traffic was 18.1 percent above plan, and increase of 31 percent over the 1949 figure.

Trade

State retail stores and cooperatives fulfilled the plan by 106.4 percent, which was 54.1 percent greater than for the same period in 1949. The volume of goods supplied to the population was 40.3 percent greater than in the second quarter of 1949. Not all of the needs could be supplied in spite of the increased distribution; food, petroleum products, and building material were scarce.

During the second quarter of 1950, 661 new retail outlets were established. The Administration of Food Farms fulfilled its second-quarter quotas for milk by 112.5 percent, for meat by 100.5 percent, and for eggs by 152 percent. In the second quarter of 1950, there was a total of 1,525 units of consumer cooperatives in the rural districts and 288 units in the urban districts.

Investments

The investments in the second quarter of 1950 were 97 percent greater than in the same period of 1949. The Ministry of Metallurgy and Chemical Industry, the Ministry of Electrical Energy, the Ministry of Communications, and the Ministry of Agriculture made the best showing. The Black Sea-Danube Canal project exceeded its plan for the second quarter by 10 percent.

Finance

Revenue for the second quarter of 1950 was 12 percent greater than expected.

Sociological Progress

Thirty-eight percent more people were employed in the national economy in the second quarter of 1950 than in the same period in 1949; the number of workers increased by 260,000.

In industry, the average salary increased 9 percent over the salary of the second quarter of 1949.

In comparison to the second quarter of 1949, during the same period of 1950 distribution of textiles and footwear was 160 percent, food products 133 percent, and medical supplies 237 percent in urban districts; food products 202 percent, textiles and footwear 182 percent, metal and chemical products 213 percent, and medical supplies 239 percent in rural districts.

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During the second quarter of 1950, 60,000 workers attended courses for improving their qualifications, and 16,500 workers graduated from such courses. The number of pupils attending professional schools in the second quarter of 1950 was 78,200, against 63,000 pupils for the same period in 1949.

Ninety-two student clubs with an enrollment of 12,500 operated during the second quarter of 1950, in contrast to the enrollment of 9,600 in the same period of 1949.

Additional care for the health of mothers and children has been provided by establishing 37 maternity homes, 10 dispensaries for mothers and children, and 41 children's dispensaries in the rural districts.

Infant mortality dropped from 16.3 percent in the second quarter of 1949 to 12.7 percent in the second quarter of 1950.

The number of persons who spent vacations in health resorts was 57,800 in the second quarter of 1950, an increase of 20,000 over the same period of the preceding year.

During the second quarter of 1950, 2,860 sports clubs were organized of which 1,170 were in rural districts.

To raise the cultural standards of the Rumanian people, 542 clubs were formed in the second quarter of 1950, 17 percent more than last year. One million books were sent to the libraries, compared to 335,000 last year.

During the second quarter of 1950, 16 radiofication centers were established, nine in the rural communities at the MTS and collective farms, and seven in workers' settlements.

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